

Tales from THE ZONE

& Other Emanations from
The Los Angeles
Cacophony Society
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The Cacophony Society is a randomly gathered network of free spirits devoted to the pursuit of experiences beyond the pale of mainstream society. We are a group of sociable loners, art-school dropouts, fire-eating physicists, lotus-eating engineers, discordian poets, pathological clowns, Roman Catholic pornographers, cavedwelling illuminati, subgenii, mesmerists, and Mexican wrestling heros. You may already be a member!

BOTANICA SHOPPING SPREE & VODOO VIDEO PARTY

Saturday, March 7,

botanicas 2-6, video/party 6-?, gumbo 8 pm

Get your mojo working at an all-day Santeria/Voodoo Intensive. The itinerary for the Botanica Shopping Spree will include each and every one of those dusty little shops you've ever been afraid to enter between Fairfax and Vermont. Pick up some talismans of your own or just try to ask the right questions to discover what statues of St. Michael, Mary, Buddha, black slaves, hunchbacks and American Indians all have in common. Bilingual Cacophonists will be on hand to help sort out matters. After our walk on the wild side of tribal Catholicism, we'll start the gumbo simmering, toss back a few zombies and take in some real Hollywood Hoodoo, including "The Believers", "Angelheart", and "The Serpent and the Rainbow". If you're not up for video, just hang out and pet a live serpentine embodiment of Dahnbaia. A few zombies later, you may be ready to take a dip in the "Baron Cemetery Money-drawing Bath". Come midnight, we'll apply what we have learned thus far in some authentic Santeria rituals for the benefit of anyone who's come prepared with the name of a person, they'd like to magically attract or control.

Where: 847 N. Formosa, 2 blks E. of LaBrea, 2 blks N., of Melrose.

RSVP: Rev. Al (213) 936-8767.



LAUNDROMAT POETRY

Thursday, March 19, 7-9 pm

We're breaking in a new laundromat after reading for over a year in the same old Silverlake hangout. This one seems to have some kind of fiesta motif, so come prepared for a party. Bring clothes that need to be washed and words that need to be heard.

Where: Wash-o-Rama on Santa Monica Blvd., just east of Hobart across from Hollywood Star Lanes.

RSVP: Gabriel (213) 250-4711.



ANTI-DEATH PROTEST RALLY

Saturday, March 21, 1 pm

HIPPY: Death just irks me. I bet it irks you too.

DIPPY: Sure does. Let's do something about it. It's got me really bummed out.

HIPPY: Okay! How bout a protest rally?

DIPPY: That's it. We'll picket a graveyard!

HIPPY: Super idea! I'll make the signs. How bout "DEATH IS FOR THE BIRDS"?

DIPPY: Yes, and 'DEATH, GO SUCK AN EGG!'

HIPPY: Right on! Let's start making signs.

... Bring signs, cardboard and paint, food and drinks for pre-protest picnic at Hollywood Memorial Cemetery. Have you seen the "Our Gang" graves?

Where: 6000 Santa Monica Blvd. at the front gate.

RSVP: Adam (310) 472-7604.

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JESUS SPOKE TO ME IN WORDS OF PURPLE RADIANCE

Tuesday, March 24, 7:30 pm

As part of our ongoing "Meet the Cults" series, we will visit the Church of the Superet, for a brief sermon and viewing of special aura slides. From the outside, this white-steepled structure looks for all the world like an old-time gospel church, yet what goes on inside is anything but traditional. These people were already worrying about auras back in 1922, before Shirley MacLaine's had even entered her current incarnation. Maybe it will all come clear to you when the church's founder, "Mother Trust", appears before her congregation in white robes, under neon lights, with curious pronouncements such as, "The Bible tells the truth. The Light Scientist not only believes in the Bible Light Facts, but also sees the Old and New Testament with Light of a different brilliancy in Light Vibrations, colors and vapors — for the Aura's photo only proves facts."

Urban folk-art lovers will also appreciate the nearby environmental jumble of old bottles, skis, lamps, and broken garden sculptures adorning the walls of the apartment complex just around the corner.

Conservative attire is the ideal camouflage.

Where: 2516 W. Third St., outside.

RSVP: (213) 937-2759.



EVERYBODY LOVES "MUDCRAFT"

Sunday, March 29, 1-6 pm

Mudcraft is the 70's hobbycraft fad that never was. If you can imagine the craft mania of the decade that brought you macrame, decopage, and "string art", filtered through the period's "back-to-nature" mentality, then mudcraft would be the sort of semi-viscous gunk you might clean out of the filter trap. This is the classic mudpie, retrofit with a "mod" mentality, painted over with atrocious tempera colors and slathered liberally with pathos. We're taking our historical revisionism down to Venice Beach where we will publicize mudcraft through an open workshop, distribution of flyers and sale of mudcrafts items. So put on some old clothes and gather some junk to dip in our fecal fondue and come on down to our beachfront booth. Remember: "Mudcraft is the only craft approved by Mother Nature."

Where: near Sidewalk Cafe, 1401 Ocean Front Walk

RSVP: (213) 937-2759.

SOUNDS LIKE CACOPHONY

Know of some strange phenomenon upcoming or ongoing? Have some odd requests, weird items or interesting lore to share? Call (213) 937-2759.

Drawing Room Gallery, 1907 Olympic Blvd., presents **Randy Horton and Krishna the Destroyer**. Renegade cacophonist theatre from Rats with Keys. March 6, 8:00. (310) 315-1088.

Mass Transit Poetry, open poetry reading on the Blue Line train to Long Beach and back. First Sunday of the month. Meet downtown at 3:30 at the Grand & Washington platform for 4:00 train. \$2.20 2-way fare. (213) 250-4711.

Mondays at Big and Tall Books, 7311 Beverly Blvd., 10 pm. **Story Night**. Come tell a story, true or otherwise. Hosts Howard Hallis and Adam Bregman will MAKE them listen. Free.

See the **Svengali Brothers Traveling Freak Show**, 1st & 3rd Weds. at Cafe Troy, 9 pm, 418 E. 1st St. near Alameda. Free.

33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 28, 27, 26, 25, 24 ... **A new cafe is coming.**

Literature for the damned: **Vile Peacock, Red Book of Love**, 409 N. PCH, # 106, Ste. 439, Redondo Beach CA 90277. \$1.25 or trade for objectionable materials.

LA DRIVER, the ideal mag for spotlight reading, 12226 Victory Blvd. #325, N. Hollywood, CA 91606. FAX 937-3315, phone 818-548-8165

Send your most degenerate literary or graphic efforts to **Pimps and Whores** 833 S. Beacon St. #6, LA, CA 90017. Betcha can't make 'em sick!

he "Glamour" issue of **Ben is Dead** is here! Next they're putting out "Sex". Call them up to find what else around town is worth living for. (213) 960-7674.

Dial the Rats with Key's Hotline (213) 288-3668 "**CUTFOOT**". Entertainment info for kids who grew up wrong.

Or perhaps **The Crisis Group Hotline** (213) 204-7941 can help you squeeze some alternative fun out of this town.

WANTED: Location for big rave. \$100 finder's fee offered. Call Donovan 738-5078.

WANTED: hokey or embarrassing family home movies or vacation slides (preferably vintage) you'd be willing to share with a Cacophonist audience? (213) 936-8767.

Interested in participating in a **trash fashion show**? (213) 937-2759.

Interested in the Mother of all Cacophony? The **San Francisco Cacophony Society** can be contacted at PO Box 426392, San Francisco, CA 94142-6392 or telephonically (415) 665-0351. Ask for their monthly newsletter, *Rough Draft*.

FUTURE EVENTS

These are events in the planning. Give us a call on the Cacophony line before March 22 to cast your vote for whatever interests you, or better still, suggest one of your own. (213) 937-2759.

Day of Amore/Sleazefest (April 4)
The Blessing of the Pets (April 18)
A Charlie Manson Easter (April 19)
Roadtrip to Hulaville's Hobo Poet
Prison Reading

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